



September 7, 2017

Thank you for attending the Public Information Open House for the proposed interchange reconstruction at Interstate (I)-75 at Exit 2: Bellville Road and Exit 11: State Route (SR) 31/Madison Highway, PI Numbers 0007386 and 0010297, respectively. Our goal is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed projects and 2) to provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments on the proposed projects. In this handout package, you will find a description of the projects, a location map, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project displays. Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) representatives, wearing nametags, are available to discuss the projects and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to tell Georgia DOT what you think. Listed below are several ways to comment on the projects. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record.

While you are attending the open house, you can **provide your comments today** by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

You can also **provide your comments** by Thursday, September 21, 2017 by using any of the following methods:

- Online at [www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach](http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach).
  1. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located (*Lowndes*) and click *Go*;
  2. Then select *I-75 at Exits 2/Bellville and 11/Madison Hwy*;
  3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Scan QR code to the right with your smart phone's QR reader
- Online at:  
[https://por.dot.ga.gov/comments/comments.cfm?projID=0007386&projNum=CSNHS-0007-00\(386\)&projName=I-75%20at%20Exits%202/Bellville%20and%2011/Madison%20Hwy](https://por.dot.ga.gov/comments/comments.cfm?projID=0007386&projNum=CSNHS-0007-00(386)&projName=I-75%20at%20Exits%202/Bellville%20and%2011/Madison%20Hwy)
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.



The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the Georgia DOT District Four Area 1 Office located at 1411 Madison Hwy, Valdosta, Georgia, 31601. Following the ten-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Cleopatra James, at (404) 631-1546 or the environmental analyst, Elliott Robertson, at (404) 631-1190 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Duff" with a stylized "B" or "D" at the end.

Eric Duff  
State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation

**Why We Are Here:** The proposed projects would address the need for improved operations and accommodation of future widening projects by adding roundabouts and reconstructing two interchanges located along I-75 at Exit 2: Bellville Road and Exit 11: SR 31/Madison Highway.

**Project Description:** The proposed projects, comprised of PI Numbers 0007386 and 0010297, would consist of adding roundabouts and reconstructing two interchanges located along I-75 in the Valdosta area. The two I-75 interchanges proposed for improvement are: Exit 2: Bellville Road (PI 0007386) and Exit 11: SR 31/Madison Highway (PI 0010297). The bridges will be lengthened to accommodate any future widening of I-75.

**I-75 Exit #2 – CR 274 / Bellville Road (PI 0007386):**

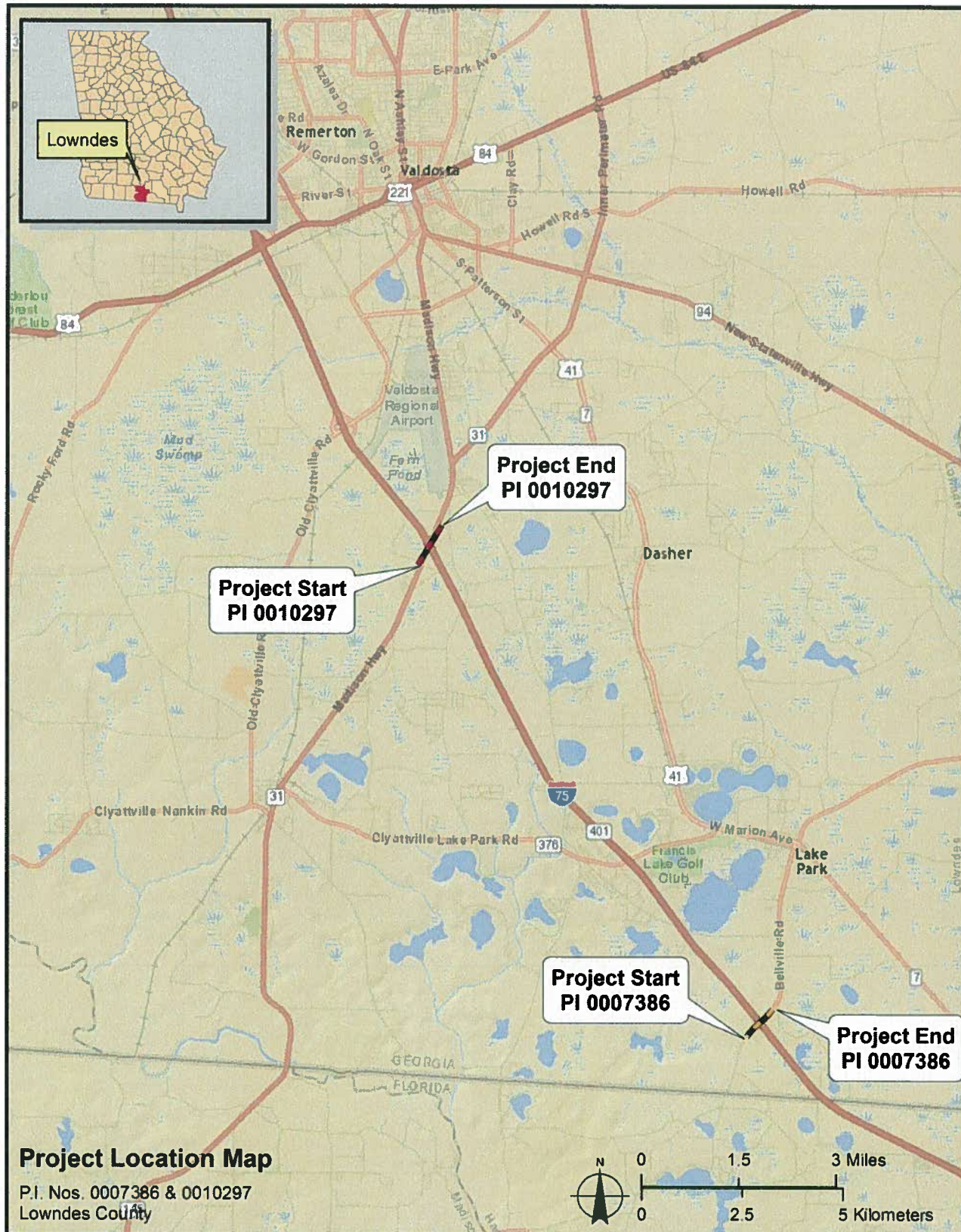
The project proposes to replace the existing bridge over I-75 and redirect the ramp termini into a roundabout configuration. The proposed bridge will be lengthened to accommodate any future widening of I-75 and moved 24 feet to the south of the current location. The bridge elevation will be raised two to three feet higher than the existing bridge to meet minimum clearance requirements for the I-75 overpass bridge. The proposed bridge will provide one lane in each direction, a raised median, sidewalk, and curb and gutter. Presently, the bridge and CR 274 / Bellville Road are rural sections with paved outside shoulders.

The proposed roundabouts at each intersection of CR 274 / Bellville Road with the entrance/exit ramps will include sidewalk, curb and gutter, raised islands/medians, and lighting. The middle of the roundabouts will include roadway signs, grassed areas and future potential landscaping.

**I-75 Exit #11 – SR 31 / Madison Highway (PI 0010297):**

The project proposes to replace the existing bridges over I-75 and relocate the ramps into a roundabout configuration. The bridge over I-75 will be lengthened to accommodate future widening of I-75 and moved 24 feet to the north of the current location. The proposed bridge will provide one lane in each direction with 10-foot wide raised median. The proposed bridge will have larger shoulders to accommodate future capacity needs. The proposed project will maintain one lane in each direction on the west side of the I-75 and will maintain two lanes in each direction on the east side. The road will have improved shoulders; including curb and gutter, sidewalk, and a raised median. The second lane heading west will transition into the entrance onto I-75 heading north. Two-lane frontage roads will be constructed on the east side of I-75 on the north and south side of SR 31/Madison Highway to provide access to the existing businesses located on each side of the roadway. Eliminating all other drives between I-75 and these frontage road intersections will provide approximately 1,000 feet of limited access. Both entrance and exit ramps to and from I-75 at SR 31/Madison Highway will be upgraded to roundabouts. The roundabouts will each be a single lane. Sidewalk and curb and gutter will be utilized for each roundabout.

**Project Location Map:**



## Comment Card

*Please print responses.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you support the project? (check your response)

☐ **For**

☐ **Against**

☐ **Conditional**

☐ **Uncommitted**

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about this Open House? (check) ☐ **Newspaper** ☐ **Signs** ☐ **GDOT Website** ☐ **Radio**

☐ **Word of Mouth** ☐ **Social Media** ☐ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend?

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend?

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you.

Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel?

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting?

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

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Mail to:

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